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THE OBSERVATOR.

On the Practices of the Faction to renew the Perſecution of Proteſtant Diſſenters in Ireland, *and thei[r] Clamours againſt his Excellency their Lord Lieutenant. This agrees with their Methods in the late Reigns, to turn what was deſign'd as a Security againſt Papiſts, to annoy Proteſtant Diſſenters; which looks as if ſome of the old Managers were lodg'd behind a Curtain. This confirm'd by freſh Attempts to ſet up Jacobite Conventicles in* Scotland, *on Pretence of Zeal for the Church of England. On the proſecuting of Ingroſſers and Foreſtallers of Corn, &c. by the Juſtices of* London, Weſtminſter, *and* Middleſex.

From Saturday, October 15. to Wedneſday, October 19. 1709.

Obſ. WELL, *Roger*, what do the Gentlemen who are for a Popiſh Prince, and a *French* Government, ſay now that *Mons* is taken? Don't they look down?

Country-m. Not ſo much as you imagine, Maſter; to give them their Due, they're Men of Courage and Conduct. They have intrench'd themſelves as ſtrongly behind their Lines of pretended Zeal for the Monarchy and the Church, as the *French* have done behind theirs betwixt *Valenciennes* and *Queſnoy*.

Obſ. Say you ſo, *Roger?* And don't you think, that the Gentlemen who are for a Proteſtant Prince, and the preſent Eſtabliſhment, are able to force thoſe Lines, and beat them out of their Intrenchments?

Country-m. Yes, Maſter, they have done it ſeveral Times. They beat their Fortifications of the Occaſional Bill and Tack, down about their Ears, and forc'd them to retire from their Lines of Perſecution, which they fairly abandon'd, and pretended to give them up by Way of Preliminary; but when it came to the Puſh, they would not ratify nor ſign: They will ſtill keep the [illegible]ting Clauſe of the Sacramental Teſt, to batter down the Union betwixt the two Nations, and to keep up an odious Diſtinction among Proteſtants, in Hopes by thoſe Diviſions to pave the Pretender's Way to the Throne, in ſpite of our Faces; and from thoſe Batteries, they play inceſſantly upon what they call Low-Church and Diſſenters: They vow they will bomb your Whig Lord Lieutenants, have begun to throw Grenadoes again from their *Drogheda* Preſentments, and forc'd ſome of your Whig Preachers to retire to the *Queen's-Bench* at *Dublin*, for Security, where they will try the Point with her Majeſty, who, from the Throne, recommended the Forbearance of all ſuch Proſecutions againſt her diſſenting Subjects in *Ireland*.

Obſ. That's brave indeed, *Roger*; and will the Gentlemen, who are for a Proteſtant Prince, and the preſent Eſtabliſhment, ſuffer themſelves to be beat out of both by the *Iriſh* High-flyers now, when they carry'd them over the Belly of King *James's Iriſh* Dragoons at the Revolution? Are *Iriſh* Pens, Preſentments, and Preachers, with *Britiſh* Paſſive-Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance Pamphlets and Sermons, become more formidable Weapons now, than their Guns and Swords were before?

Country-m. 'Twould ſeem ſo, Maſter; and that which is very extraordinary, they flatter themſelves with being able to do more Execution with thoſe Weapons now, when we have a Queen at our Head who was brought to the Throne, and is kept upon it by the contrary Principles, than they could do with their Guns and Swords, when they had a Popiſh King at their Head, who was brought to the Throne by their own Principles.

Obſ. How can that be, *Roger?* What can be the Matter which emboldens thoſe Men to ſuch Undertakings?

Country-m. The very ſame that emboldens the *French* King, Maſter, to hold out againſt the Confederacy, notwithſtanding all his Loſſes, *viz.* The Treachery of ſome, and the Slackneſs of others of our Allies. In the ſame Manner are the Gentlemen who are for a Proteſtant Prince, and the preſent Eſtabliſhment, betray'd by ſome of their pretended Friends, who baffle all their good Deſigns, or at leaſt hang upon the Wheels of em. Thus, when they aim'd at ſuppreſſing the Growth of Popery in *Ireland*, and ſecuring the *Engliſh* and Proteſtant Intereſt there againſt future Rebellions and Maſſacres, ſome of our unfaithful Friends ſprung a Mine which blew up the Battery, and impos'd a Sacramental Teſt upon thoſe who had twice ſav'd that Country before, to put them out of a Condition to do it a third Time. His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, [illegible] now, according to his Inſtructions, carry'd thro another Bill for the more effectual preventing the Growth of Popery; for which the reſtleſs Faction join with profeſs'd Papiſts in Calumny and Railing againſt him, and according to the old Method, would revenge it upon the Diſſenters. In order to this, ſome of them endeavour'd to [illegible] the *Drogheda* Preſentment againſt a Nonconformiſt Miniſter, for Preaching, [illegible] him to remove it to the *Queen's-Bench* [illegible].

Obſ. I muſt confeſs, *Roger*, that theſe Things would give one Ground to ſuſpect, that ſome of the old Managers in the late Reigns, have too much Influence one way or other: for we may remember, that whatever was deſign'd then by our true Patriots in Parliament, as a Weapon againſt Papiſts, was by the Art of thoſe Men, turn'd upon Proteſtant Diſſenters. Thus the Sacramental Teſt, that was deſign'd to keep Papiſts out of Offices, was turn'd, and is ſtill kept up [illegible] the Diſcovery and Proſecution of [illegible] for deſtroying our [illegible] were baffl'd by the Faction, and turn'd [illegible] Diſſenters, but upon the [illegible] Church-men and Patriots. [illegible] *Eſſex*, and Lord *Ruſſel*, [illegible] as well as Colonel [illegible] who defended our Conſtitution [illegible], and thoſe who invaded [illegible] from the Pulpit and Preſs, [illegible] Subjects; therefore, *Roger*, [illegible] Meaſures purſu'd, we have but too good Reaſon to think, that one row or other ſome of the old Managers find an Opportunity to act their Part behind the Curtain.

Country-m. Aye, Maſter, and we have ſo much the more Reaſon to think ſo, becauſe of a Letter I have from *Scotland*, which ſays, that under Pretence of Zeal for the Church of *England*, the Faction began not only to ſet up Jacobite Conventicles, but attempted to bring the *Engliſh* Common Prayer into ſeveral Churches, [illegible] the particular Laws of that Country, [illegible] an Act, agreed upon by the Parliaments of both Nations, which provok many Places they preſented Addreſſes to the Commiſſion or Committee of the general Aſſembly of that Church, repreſenting the dangerous Conſequence of ſuch Practices; which oblig'd the Committee, according to the Power veſted in them by their own Laws, and the Union-Act, to make an Act againſt thoſe Innovations, wherein they declare, 'That their Laws are violated by Perſons of 'known Diſaffection to the preſent Eſtabliſhment 'in Church and State; and that thoſe bold and inceſſant Endeavours are us'd by Men of reſtleſs 'and diviſive Spirits, by which they have created 'great Jealouſies and Animoſities among the People. Now, this is the Act, Maſter, that *Dyer*, their Trumpeter of Sedition, and their other Libellers, have exclaim'd againſt, all over the Country, as an inhuman Perſecution, in order to create a Diviſion betwixt the united Nations, and to raiſe Animoſities in the Church of *England* againſt the Government, for having inveſted the Church of *Scotland* with an irrevocable Power to preſerve her ſelf from ſuch Innovations. This is what their Champion, the late *Rehearſer*, call'd the eſtabliſhing of a Rebellion againſt God like that of *Korah*; and this is the Meaning of all thoſe uncharitable and diviſive Pamphlets, ſuch as *Lay-Baptiſm invalid*, &c. recommended by Dr. *Hicks*, wherein the Faction would make all the Adminiſtrations of ſuch as have not what they call Epiſcopal Ordination, void and null, as if performed by mere Lay-men.

Obſ. Why, *Roger*, the Faction would do by the Union, as they do by every Thing elſe. The Deſign of honeſt Men in it, was, to ſecure the Proteſtant Succeſſion, to maintain a religious Peace betwixt Proteſtants of all Denominations, and to perpetuate a good Underſtanding and Harmony betwixt the two Nations, that might never be any more diſturbed or broke by the one's impoſing their Forms upon the other: But the *French* Party improve it, you ſee, to another End, and under Covert of the Union, break in upon the Church of *Scotland*: Tumults, Mobs, Inſurrections, and Diviſions, are the Life of the Jacobite Cauſe. It can't ſubſiſt without them; therefore they muſt be had ſome Way or other. If *Scotland* continue quiet, and cement heartily with *England*, the Faction is undone; therefore all Means muſt be us'd to embroil that Country: And I can aſſure you, *Roger*, I have good Information, that had not the *Scotch* Miniſters ſhew'd a great deal of Moderation on this Occaſion, and pathetically exhorted the People to abſtain from Tumults, and offering Violence to thoſe ſeditious Innovators, they were likely to have paſs'd their Time but ſorrily. The Faction would have been glad, that the ſorry *Iriſh* Prieſt who ſet up the Conventicle, and ſome others of their Friends, had fallen a Sacrifice to the enrag'd People, ſo they could have but made it a Handle of Diviſion and Clamour to incenſe the Church of *England*, and make the Government uneaſy; therefore I hope, *Roger*, Care will be taken to recal all ſuch *Engliſh* Officers of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe, as gave Countenance to thoſe Diſorders, and that the Commiſſions of the Peace, and all other Poſts in that Country, be effectually purg'd of Jacobites and diſaffected Perſons, that the Managers behind the Curtain may not have any Opportunity to make the Union an Engine of farther Diviſion.

Country-m. I hope ſo too, Maſter, becauſe the former Innovations of the ſame Nature, in that Country, had ſuch dreadful Conſequences. In the mean Time, here's good News for you; the Juſtices of Peace for *Middleſex* and *Weſtminſter* have, upon the Recommendation of her Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy-Council, proceeded ſo vigorouſly againſt Foreſtallers, Regraters, and Ingroſſers of Corn and Meal, that twenty nine Bills were found againſt ſuch Criminals by the Grand Jury at *Hicks's-Hall* on the 24th, beſides what have been found at the Seſſions of *London* and *Weſtminſter*; and Care will be taken that thoſe Offenders, by whoſe Avarice ſo many of her Majeſty's poor Subjects have ſuffer'd, ſhall be proſecuted according to Law, with the utmoſt Severity. I have a good Mind, Maſter, to go and help to get Priſons and Pillories ready for the Offenders.

Obſ. Prithee do, *Roger*, and tell every One of your Letter from Capt. *Tom*, ſignifying, that he will draw for the Value upon any Body that ſhall remit the Fines of thoſe Ingroſſers and Foreſtallers, or exempt them from ſuch bodily Puniſhments as they have incurr'd by the Law, and fail not to ſend Advice to the Ingroſſers and Tranters at *Milton* in *Northamptonſhire*, and every where elſe, that if they don't ſpeedily quit their Poſts, the Juſtices muſt take Care to furniſh them with Pillories.

Country-m. With all my Heart, Maſter; and when my Hand is in, I will write to our high-flying *Engliſh* Officers of Exciſe and Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, to the *Iriſh* Prieſts, nonjurant Parſons, and tantivy Juſtices in the *North* of that Country, to beware how they meddle with the Kirk, leſt *Jockey*'s Club and *Jenny Geddes*'s Joint-ſtool, that knock'd out Arch-biſhop *Laud*'s and the Earl of *Stafford*'s Brains, ſhould prove too hard for the ſoft Places in their Heads, eſpecially at ſuch an unlucky Juncture as this, when the *French* Cock's Wings are clip'd, his Comb cut, and his Spurs par'd to the Quick.

Advertiſements.

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